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PRESIDENT: Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Chair would announce that escorts have been arranged for to accompany our distinguished guests for the day. Senator William Barrett will escort Mrs. Virginia Sitorius, the President of the Nebraska Mothers Association. Senator Dennis Baack is the escort for Mrs. Mary Egging, the 1986 Mother of the Year. And Senator Bill Harris is the escort for Mrs. Deborah Cabela, the 1986 Young Mother Representative. If the escorts and their guests would please come to the front of the Chamber, we will begin the annual Mother of the Year ceremony. They are accompanied also by the Reverend Peter Gadiant of St. Mary's Parish of Lincoln. The Chair has the privilege of introducing to you now the President of the Nebraska Mothers Association, Mrs. Virginia Sitorius of Cozad.

MRS. SITORIUS: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Senator Barrett, members of the Legislature, good morning. As president and representative of the Nebraska Mothers Association, I especially want to thank you for taking a few minutes from your time to let us introduce to you two special people. The purpose of Nebraska Mothers Association is to keep families together, strong and healthy, physically, mentally, and morally. One way we have of emphasizing this is to annually recognize mothers who, through their influence on their children and their involvement in church and community, have exemplified these goals and purposes. We like to believe that by your granting us this time you, in this way, show and honor respect to the mothers in your life. The 1986 Mother of the Year, Mary Egging, and the Young Mother Representative, Deborah Cabela, who will represent us at the national conference in Portland later this month, will be introduced by their legislators, Mr. Baack and Mr. Harris. Thank you.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and colleagues, it is indeed a pleasure and a distinct honor for me to be able to introduce the Mother of the Year. Mary Egging has shown, through her ability to raise 16 children, 13 of which are here today, that she is dedicated to family, and she has also shown that she is dedicated to community through her work in the church. She has also been very active in a manufacturing business and a farming operation with her husband, Tim. So, colleagues, will you please join me in welcoming to the Legislature Mary Frederick Egging.

(Applause.)